



**Public Meeting of Council
Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 7 PM
Council Chambers – City Hall**

Mayor Clifford Lee Presiding

Present:

**Councillor Greg Rivard
Councillor Terry MacLeod
Councillor Mitchell Tweel
Councillor Edward Rice
Councillor Robert Doiron**

**Councillor Melissa Hilton
Councillor Kevin Ramsay
Councillor Jason Coady
Councillor Kevin Ramsay**

Also:

**Donna Waddell, DCS
Jesse Morton, UP
Victoria Evans, AA**

**Alex Forbes, PM
Greg Morrison, PDO**

Regrets:

**Deputy Mayor Mike Duffy
Roy Main, CAO**

**Councillor Terry Bernard
Laurel Palmer Thompson, PDO**

Mayor Lee opened the meeting. He then turned the meeting over to Councillor Greg Rivard, Planning Board Chair, who introduced the application.

1. Zoning & Development Bylaw- Amendment regarding Mobile Canteens

Planning Staff have proposed amendments to the Zoning & Development Bylaw which establish policies relating to mobile canteens on private property.

Councillor Rivard then turned the meeting over to Greg Morrison, Planning and Development Officer.

Mr. Morrison stated that this Public Meeting has been called to gather feedback on an application to amend Sections 3 and 4 of the Zoning and Development Bylaw to include new policies regarding mobile canteens. He explained that Planning Staff developed a draft version of the new amendments in February, which was then reviewed by Council. A finalized draft of the amendments was then presented to Council in March, and now Planning staff and Council are seeking the public's input on the proposed amendments. Mr. Morrison noted that mobile canteens on public property will remain part of the Street Vending Bylaw. He explained that these new amendments will bring consistency between the Street Vending Bylaw and Zoning & Development Bylaw on how the City regulates mobile canteens. Mr. Morrison briefly explained

the proposed criteria for mobile canteens. A mobile canteen must be on private property where eating and drinking establishments are permitted as per the property's zoning. Under the proposed amendments, a mobile canteen is permitted to operate from May to the end of October each year. In addition, a mobile canteen must have written permission from the property owner.

Mayor Lee asked if there were any questions or comments on the application.

Peter Williams, representative for the Chip Shack

Mr. Williams praised Planning Staff and Council for developing the new amendments. Mr. Williams spoke for Caron Prins, owner of the Chip Shack, and stated that Ms. Prins is extremely happy about the proposed amendments. He noted that the proposed amendments would even the playing field for mobile canteen operators, and mobile canteens would be treated like any other establishment. Mr. Williams also spoke of the importance of having a consistent policy.

Mayor Lee asked Planning staff for clarification on item #2 in the proposed amendments in terms of where eating and dining establishments are permitted, and if these are areas only in the downtown.

Alex Forbes, Manager of Planning and Heritage, explained that mobile canteens would under the proposed amendments only be allowed in areas that are zoned for restaurants. He stated that this does not restrict them to the downtown area, and that there are numerous other areas in the city, such as along University Avenue, that are also zoned for restaurants.

Mayor Lee also asked Mr. Forbes for clarification as to why the proposed amendments specify the complaint procedure for aggrieved persons.

Mr. Forbes explained that because mobile canteens are temporary uses, Planning staff does not have sufficient time legally to enforce mobile canteens which are in violation of the Zoning and Development Bylaw. Therefore, complaints regarding mobile canteens will be brought to the attention of City Council if they are deemed to be valid by Planning staff.

Councillor Tweel questioned Mr. Forbes on item #14 in the proposed amendments and inquired if mobile canteens would be permitted in City-owned public spaces, such as public parks. Mr. Forbes stated that this section of the amendments is designed for special events that occur in public spaces. He explained that the Manager of Parks and Recreation or Council would have to approve requests to locate mobile canteens in City-owned public open spaces.

Mabel Gallant

Ms. Gallant asked for clarification regarding item #13, and for an explanation as to what the Street Vending Bylaw is.

Mayor Lee explained that the Street Vending Bylaw has designated certain locations on the street rights-of-way for mobile canteens, and the Bylaw restricts mobile canteens to these designated locations.

Mr. Forbes also explained that the Police Department regulates the Street Vending Bylaw and mobile canteens on public property.

Suzanne Scott

Ms. Scott runs Etsy Pop Up markets. She asked what the cost for a mobile canteen permit would be.

Mr. Forbes said that the permit cost is \$40. He, however, stated that presumably there would also be a business relationship between the mobile canteen operator and the owner of the property.

Ms. Scott also asked what the time frame would be for the approval of a permit for a mobile canteen.

Mr. Forbes explained that operators of mobile canteens should apply well in advance, preferably at least one month.

Terry Nabuurs

Mr. Nabuurs indicated that he is a new food truck owner, and has submitted an application to the Planning Department. He wondered what the required buffer zone from another restaurant would be under the proposed amendments. Mr. Nabuurs noted that across Canada, the standard is typically 25 meters.

Mr. Forbes explained that the minimum buffer zone requirements are determined by each individual municipality, and there is no established national or provincial standard. He stated that in the proposed amendments there is no minimum buffer zone.

Lori Visser

Ms. Visser asked about how mobile canteens would be inspected, and the cost for this inspection.

Mr. Forbes stated that the Fire Department is responsible for inspections and to his knowledge there is no fee for inspections.

Mayor Lee asked if there were any questions or comments on the application and there being none, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.